**Semicolons**

1. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
The musicians performed in Detroit, Michigan Cleveland, Ohio and Shreveport, Louisiana.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) no punctuation mark is needed

d) comma

2. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
The debate team wasn't very good nevertheless, the members were always motivated.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) no punctuation mark is needed

d) comma

3. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
The cheerleaders formed several pyramids the distracted fans didn't notice.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

4. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
My first time cooking a Thanksgiving dinner was a disaster. Here are just a few things that happened the turkey was dry, the potatoes were runny, and the rolls were burned.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

5. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.  
  
We elected Shamar, president Alan, vice president and Rebecca, treasurer.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) no punctuation mark is needed

d) comma

6. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
It rained all night thus, we canceled our day in the park.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

7. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
Mom is a chiropractor however, Dad is a heart surgeon.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

8. Select the sentence that uses the semicolon correctly to separate independent clauses.

a) The university student center; opened for only two hours. Clearly, there must have been some emergency.

b) The university student center opened for only two hours. Clearly; there must have been some emergency.

c) The university student center opened for only two hours; clearly, there must have been some emergency.

d) The university student center opened for only two hours, clearly; there must have been some emergency.

9. Select the sentence that correctly uses a semicolon to separate sentence elements in a series that include commas.

a) The art patron, who could be stingy before an auction, arranged her own transportation; lodging; and financing.

b) Raking moldy leaves, getting overheated, even after the doctor had cautioned him; sitting in air conditioning with wet hair—no wonder he’s down with a cold!

c) If you haven't already committed yourself, you could still apply out of state; or, after you have earned enough money, wait until the spring semester, or maybe, if it doesn't really matter; just take the offer you have.

d) Take my advice: Out of every paycheck, save something back; every night, before you turn out the light, count your blessings; and sweetheart, never forget who loves you.

10. Identify the sentence that uses the semicolon **incorrectly**.

a) There are some good deals on laptops; however, you'll save some money if you can wait a little longer.

b) Now, therefore; go in peace.

c) If you need help, don't hesitate to call; I'm always near a phone.

d) Pounding the gavel, the chair called for order; he just couldn’t seem to quell the argument, which, by then, was clearly out of hand.

1. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

a) Use semicolons to separate two closely related independent clauses.

b)Use semicolons to separate the indirect object from the direct object.

c) Use semicolons to join two independent clauses that are connected by such words as *however*, *therefore*, and *furthermore*.

d) Use semicolons to separate items in a series when commas are already part of the list.

2. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) I fell off the dirt bike four times today; nevertheless, I kept trying.

b) She didn't slow down; the yield sign was covered with brush.

c) Harley packed; extra towels, film, and some snacks.

d) The painting was very old; it sold for the most money at the auction.

3. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) The gorilla became violent; she was protecting her young.

b) I don't like chocolate; in fact, I don't like sweets.

c) We only have one hour to make the dip, finish the soup; which needs to chill, and get dressed.

d) It's going to rain today; therefore, you should bring your umbrella.

4. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) I enjoyed the movie; however, the first twenty minutes were a little slow.

b) I need to borrow your computer; my hard drive crashed last night.

c) There are gardenias in the front; lilacs in the back; and tulips, roses, and daffodils along the side of the house.

d) We didn't know we were spending the night; consequently; we forgot a change of clothes.

5. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) Adrienne lost her wallet last night; so she spent five hours this morning calling her credit card companies.

b) I didn't appreciate your sarcasm; moreover, I didn't understand why you were making such a fool of yourself.

c) We have a dog named Rosie; a cat named Spider; and three fish named Manny, Moe, and Jack.

d) Pass the butter; these potatoes are pretty dry.

6. In which of the following sentences is the semicolon used **incorrectly**?

a) *Dora the Explorer* is my niece's favorite program, so she watches it every morning.

b) *Dora the Explorer* is my niece's favorite program; she watches it every morning.

c) *Dora the Explorer* is my niece’s favorite program, therefore; she watches it every morning.

d) *Dora the Explorer* is my niece’s favorite program; therefore, she watches it every morning.

7. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) I want to go shopping tomorrow; the shoe store downtown is having a sale this week.

b) For the party, we bought three kinds of soda; bags of potato and corn chips; and Tin Roof Sundae, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, and Fudge Tracks ice cream.

c) When I go on a long road trip, I pack my CDs; a few bottles of water; and sunflower seeds.

d) I really wanted to go to Washington with my friends; however, I stayed home to work because I needed the money.

8. Which one of the following sentences uses semicolons **incorrectly**?

a) Amanda is starting college; she went to the freshman orientation yesterday.

b) A limb from the old oak tree fell on the power lines in the storm; consequently, the electricity was out for more than twenty-four hours.

c) Billy called all of his friends over the holidays; he called his college friends; his work friends; and his church, school, and scouting friends from his home town.

d) Ali and her sister Monica left for Chicago to visit April; and they asked me to feed their cats while they were gone.

9. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
The star player was injured our chances of winning vanished.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed

10. Select the punctuation mark that needs to be added to this sentence.   
  
My car is broken therefore, I have to ride the bus this week.

a) semicolon

b) colon

c) comma

d) no punctuation mark is needed